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FOREWORD

This publication is compiled to provide information for public health workers in Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. The information contained herein represents the services available in the Public Health Service Regional Office for assistance to these States.

We hope that it will be of value in making the best possible use of our staff in support of Public Health activities.

It is the desire of our Regional Office staff to work with you in providing the best possible health program for the people in Region VI.

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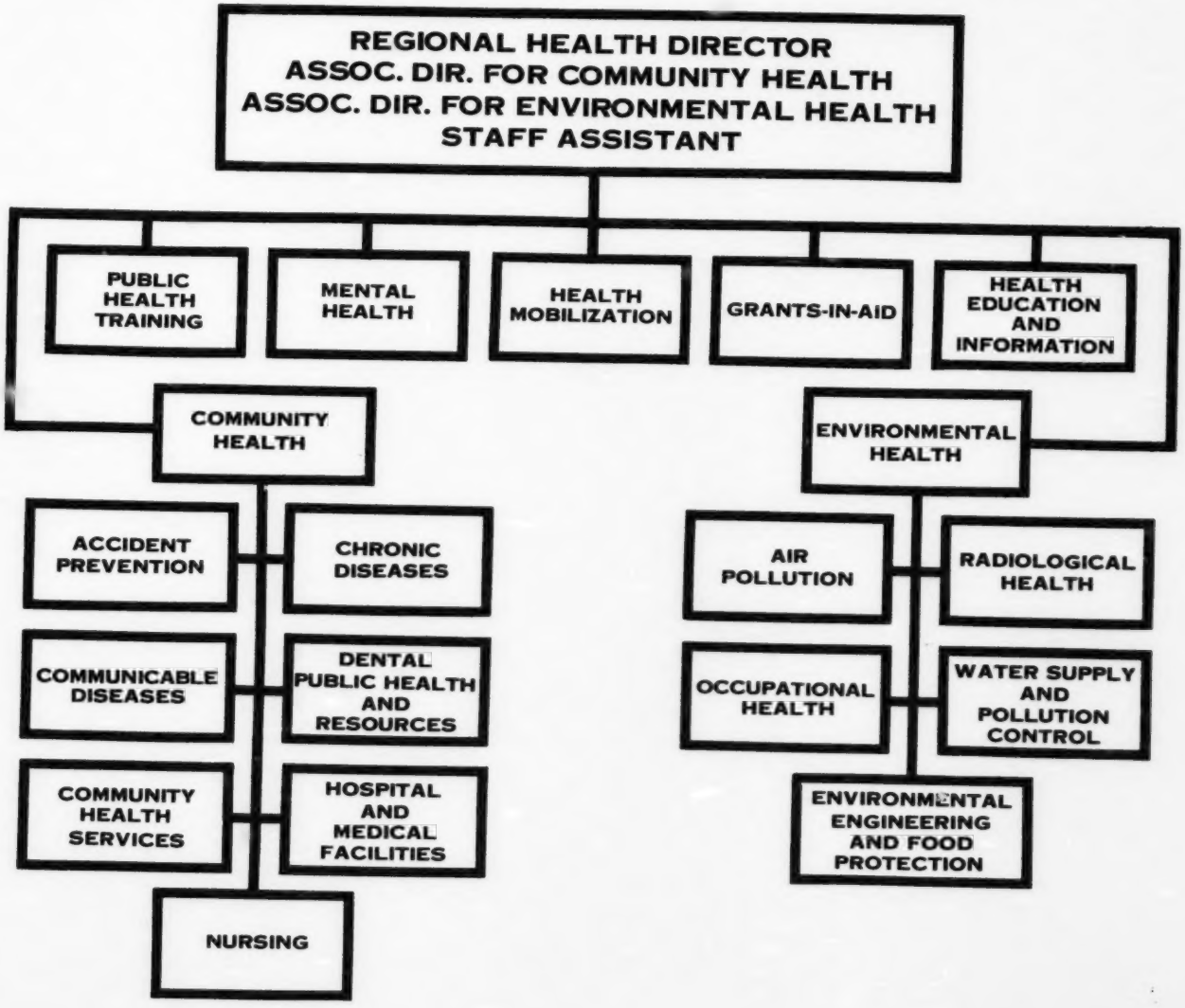
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE REGIONAL ORGANIZATION



OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL HEALTH DIRECTOR

John M. Whitney, M.D.
Regional Health Director

The Regional Office staff is available to provide assistance to the States of the Region in development and maintenance of good and effective public health programs through direct service and consultation.

The Office of the Regional Health Director provides leadership and coordination of Federal-State and interstate health activities in the Region; coordinates regional programs of the Public Health Service; maintains official relationships with professional societies, educational institutions, voluntary health agencies, and other Federal agencies.

The Regional Health Director is the direct representative of the Surgeon General in the Region.

GRANTS-IN-AID ADMINISTRATION

Professional Staff

John F. Williams, B.S., L.L.B.
Regional Grants-In-Aid Representative

Helen H. Morris
Public Health Representative

The Grants-In-Aid Administration Unit has a service relationship to all components of the Public Health Service regional organization. The Unit is primarily responsible for the coordination and administration of all health service grants. It assists and advises Regional Office, State, local and voluntary agency staff on fiscal and administrative matters to determine that funds for public health programs are expended in accordance with laws and regulations and sound fiscal practices.

Provides consultative service to State, local, and voluntary agencies concerned with the public health programs of the Public Health Service, including project grants, plan development and budgets. Responsible for surveillance of fiscal and management aspects of public health programs and projects.

Reviews and examines State plans, budgets, applications for payment, fiscal reports, and other grant-in-aid documents with primary responsibility for the analysis and review of operational and administrative aspects of such documents. Takes the necessary action relative to these documents, including the appropriate recommendations concerning payments.

In cooperation with other agencies and Regional Office personnel, consults and works with State and local health officials to advise and assist them with operational and administrative aspects of health programs, and to evaluate the effectiveness of program operations. Surveys and evaluates community health services, resources and needs, and makes recommendations concerning the establishment or modification of community health programs.

Advises State and local health agencies on functional and organizational problems and assists in the installation of new and improved methods and procedures.

Coordinates the collection, analysis and evaluation of data on State and local health programs and services.

Interprets Public Health Service laws, regulations and policies in relation to specific State health plans and methods of operation.

Serves as liaison between the National Vital Statistics Division and State Health Departments in the area of vital statistics and morbidity reporting.

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HEALTH EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

Professional Staff

Esther P. Huseman, M.P.H.
Regional Health Education Consultant

(Special services from the Health Education-Information Branch of the Washington Office are also available by arrangement through the Regional Office.)

Program Objectives: To increase awareness and understanding of the value of health services and stimulate willingness to support and participate in them; to encourage constructive health practices among individuals and groups; to stimulate and conduct studies leading to more effective educational methods.

Functions: Consultation and technical guidance to public health, school health, and other professional personnel in improving and extending health education;

Consultation and assistance in analyzing educational problems and selecting educational methods to achieve program goals;

Assistance in reviewing and evaluating health education aspects of public health programs;

Consultation and technical assistance in planning and developing the health education aspects of on-going and new public health programs;

Promotion of professional education concerned with application of scientifically sound principles and methods in health education -- for public health workers, teachers, social workers, agricultural extension personnel and others;

Assistance in the development of research to advance knowledge of effective educational methods to use in working with different groups of people on different health problems;

Maintenance of liaison with universities, governmental, voluntary and professional organizations concerned with health for purposes of considering mutual problems; planning and coordinating health education activities;

Assistance in recruitment of qualified personnel to meet health education needs in the Region; in recruiting qualified applicants for academic training in health education through Public Health Service traineeships and other means; assistance in providing appropriate field training and orientation experiences for health education students assigned in the Region.

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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Professional Staff

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Mental Health Nurse

Virgil V. Shoop, M.S.W.
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Social Scientist

The Mental Health Section of the Regional Office represents the National Institute of Mental Health which seeks to reduce the incidence of mental illness and improve the mental health of the nation through stimulation and support of research, training and services to the mentally ill.

The Research Grants Branch of the Institute provides support of broad research into all aspects of mental illness and health, and for the training of research investigators.

The Training and Manpower Resources Branch offers support to universities and other training institutions, for student stipends, for training in psychiatry, psychology, social work, the social and biological sciences, and mental health nursing. Support is also available to mental hospitals and institutions for the retarded for the inservice training of personnel.

Mental Health Services are aided through grants-in-aid to state mental health authorities, through provision of technical assistance and consultation, and through grants to hospitals and institutions for the retarded for general programmatic improvement.

The Regional Office Mental Health Staff is available for technical assistance and consultation to state mental health authorities, state institutions, local facilities and other public and voluntary programs. Assistance is provided in program planning and evaluation, staff development and training, and in planning and caring out research and demonstration projects. Two special techniques available for these objectives are Technical Assistance Projects (which support meetings to bring together state-wide groups for special areas of program development) and Mental Health Project Grants to support new undertakings and demonstrations. In 1963 Federal legislation made available to the states two-year grants to support the development of plans for comprehensive mental health services.

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HEALTH MOBILIZATION

Professional Staff

Sam Glenner
Regional Program Representative

Benedict C. Salamandra
Regional Health Mobilization Training Officer

Program Objectives:

The major objective of the Division of Health Mobilization is to prepare a program that will assure that availability of adequate health services for the civilian population in the event of a national emergency.

Program Areas:

The Regional Office provides technical guidance and assistance to the States in the conduct of the various Health Mobilization programs designed to increase the capability to effectively cope with the exigencies of natural disasters or wartime impositions. Program areas include medical stockpile management of the 200-bed civil defense emergency hospitals, training of health and allied-health personnel and civilians, resource management planning, and the development of emergency health service organizations on the Regional, State and community level.

State Assignments:

Public Health Service Program Representatives are currently assigned to the States of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota to assist the State Health Departments in the development of State and local emergency health services plans, and the implementation of Health Mobilization programs.

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PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINING

Professional Staff

Harry Wettig
Regional Training Consultant

The Regional Training Consultant represents the various resources of the Public Health Service in support of accredited and nonaccredited public health training.

The Regional Training Consultant works with all of the programs of the Public Health Service and State Departments of Health to assist in developing necessary training for public health workers and persons working in fields closely allied to public health. He is available for consultation and active assistance in developing and presenting training courses, in assessing the training needs of public health workers and in assuring the greatest gain for time, energy and funds expended for training.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

Professional Staff

Paul A. Lindquist, M.D., M.S.P.H.
Associate Regional Health Director for Community Health

Serves as the focus in the Region for the general direction and coordination of Community Health Services provided to State and local health agencies and other organizations by the Bureau of State Services, and for the technical guidance of those special regional activities for which the Community Health Services Divisions have substantive program responsibility.

The Community Health Services of the Public Health Service Regional Organization encompass program activities relating to Accident Prevention, Chronic Diseases, Communicable Diseases, Community Health Services, Dental Public Health and Resources, Hospital and Medical Facilities, and Nursing.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION

Professional Staff

John H. Hove
Regional Program Representative

Statham A. Boudreaux
Assistant Regional Program Representative

The Accident Prevention Section of the Regional Office represents the Division of Accident Prevention of the Public Health Service. The overall objective of the Division is to contribute to the solution of the existing accident problem by assisting in the development and conduct of research, training and service activities designed to achieve a reduction in the number of accidents, injuries from accidents, and disabilities and deaths from injuries.

The Regional Office staff provides and coordinates technical assistance and consultative service to public health agencies, educational institutions and other groups–public and voluntary–in the planning, development, maintenance and evaluation of programs concerned with the prevention of accidents;

Assists in determining the need for and participates in the development of demonstration projects and encourages the utilization of proven techniques and procedures in the investigation, prevention and control of accidents;

Recruits personnel for State and local accident prevention programs and for Public Health Service programs;

Maintains working relationships for the advancement of accident prevention programs with public health agencies, voluntary agencies, other elements of the Public Health Service, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and other Federal agencies.

CHRONIC DISEASES

Professional Staff

E. B. Lehmann, M.D., M.P.H.
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Senior Public Health Advisor

Eldon G. Kronewitter
Public Health Advisor

Charles T. Jones
Public Health Advisor

Dorothy S. Rambo, R.N.
Public Health Advisor (Specialist in Records)

The staff of the Division of Chronic Diseases in Region VI plans, conducts and coordinates chronic disease control programs in preventing the occurrence and progression of all chronic illness. These chronic disease control programs are concerned with Cancer, Diabetes and Arthritis, Neurology and Sensory Diseases, Heart, Gerontology, Nursing Homes, and Mental Retardation. The Chronic Diseases staff also has an integral responsibility in the Community Health Services Grant Program.

Other activities of the Division include those of Preventive Services (multiple screening, periodic health examinations and restoration of disability), and those of Care Services (home care, nursing care of the sick at home, homemaker services and information and referral services).

Similar to the other operating divisions of the Bureau of State Services, the professional staff of the Division works closely with the States in Region VI in administering and offering consultation for various grant programs. The assistance is provided to State and local health agencies, voluntary health associations, institutions and other agencies in the development and expansion for public health activities in the Region. Aid is furnished primarily through consultation, educational materials, and technical assistance.

Various personnel are also assigned to State and local agencies through the Regional Office to provide a variety of public health services in the chronic disease field.

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COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Professional Staff

John A. Rowe, Ph.D.
Regional Program Director

Lawrence A. Brennan, M.S.
Public Health Advisor

Robert Bruner
Public Health Advisor

The Communicable Disease Center is the Federal agency having responsibility for the investigation and control of infectious disease. Work of the Center bridges the gap between basic research and the application of control measures. Information concerning the prevalence, incidence and control of diseases is channeled to the State Health Departments. The Communicable Disease Center activities in disease control and surveillance, developmental research on control, field and laboratory investigations and operational procedures are accomplished through seven branch programs. Project grants to assist States and local health agencies on immunization programs are administered by the Center. The Regional Office staff carries on activities to assure the maximum assistance to the State Health Departments from each of these programs, and keeps the Center informed of all communicable disease problems as they occur in the States. Assistance to the States is provided through the:

Epidemiology Branch Program

Communicable disease surveillance.

Investigation of the control and epidemiology of several of the more important diseases.

Assistance in nursing and veterinary public health.

Statistical aspects of communicable disease control.

A Field Station located in Kansas City, Kansas, is involved in the studies of epidemiology in mycotic diseases, enterovirus and respiratory virus diseases. This Field Station provides valuable assistance to the States in communicable disease control.

Laboratory Branch Program

Provision of diagnostic reagents to State laboratories.

Reference diagnostic services on particular diseases.

Provision of evaluation of State laboratory programs.

Provision of training for State laboratory personnel.

Technology Branch Program

Assistance to the States in the solution of insect and rodent control programs.

Assistance for the control of vector-borne disease outbreaks.

Consultation and advice on insecticides and toxicity problems.

Investigation and assistance of problems related to water resources development.

Operation of community communicable disease control demonstrations in cooperation with States.

Training Branch Program

Provision of in-service training courses for a wide range of health disciplines in the control of communicable diseases.

Assistance to the States in the development of in-service training programs.

Medical Audiovisual Branch Program

Loan of wide-range visual training aids to State and local health departments and to other users.

Development of motion pictures and filmstrips on communicable disease control, diagnostic problems, and other aspects.

Development and loan of exhibits.

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Tuberculosis Branch Program

Assistance to the States in the control of tuberculosis.

Administration of grants to the States for tuberculosis control.

Development of national statistical data on the status of tuberculosis.

Control investigations.

Venereal Disease Branch Program

Technical assistance to the States in the control of venereal diseases.

Administration of grants to the States for venereal disease control.

Development of national statistical data on the status of venereal diseases.

Epidemiology.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Professional Staff

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Regional Program Director

Esther P. Huseman, M.P.H.
Area Migrant Stream Health Education Consultant

William H. Henderson, M.P.H.
Regional Migrant Health Representative

Harry Wettig
Public Health Advisor

Provides leadership, consultation and technical assistance to State and local health agencies and to other public and voluntary health organizations and institutions in the development, operation and evaluation of community health practices in the fields of public health administration, local health services, migrant labor health activities and community health practice research.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES
MIGRANT HEALTH

The Migrant Health Program in the Regional Office represents the Migrant Health Section of the Division of Community Health Services of the Public Health Service.

Program Objectives: To improve the health status of domestic agricultural migratory workers and their families; to stimulate and assist in the development and expansion of health services and environmental improvements adapted to the special needs of migrant families; to implement continuity of health care between communities and States along routes of migration; to foster improved understanding and acceptance of migrant families in communities where they are temporary residents.

Functions: Consultation and technical assistance to State and local governmental and non-profit voluntary agencies in development and extension of resources to improve and protect the health of domestic agricultural migrants and their families;

Dissemination of information about purposes of the Migrant Health Act of 1962 which provides supporting funds for migrant family health services;

Counsel and assistance in planning and development of community, regional or State grant projects for improved health services to migrants; consultation and technical assistance in reviewing and evaluating Migrant Health project grant proposals in terms of compliance with purposes and terms of the Migrant Health Act; assistance in evaluating project achievements in terms of objectives sought–proposing indicated changes and adjustments for continued operation; surveillance of Migrant Health Projects operating in Region VI, and assistance to Project Directors and staff in program reporting.

Support and assistance in efforts to establish continuity of health services along routes of travel;

Maintenance of liaison with governmental and voluntary agencies; church and professional groups and educational institutions for the purpose of considering mutual problems, and planning and coordinating health improvement services for migrants.

Assistance in recruitment and orientation of qualified personnel to meet the needs of the Migrant Health Program and Migrant Health Service projects.

Professional Staff

Provide generalized consultation and technical assistance to State and local health and welfare agencies, educational institutions, and public and private groups on subjects relating to the development of dental health services and resources; identify needs within region for specialized consultation and technical assistance and arrange for the provision of such assistance; develop dental health services and resources and be alert to special opportunities for studies, demonstrations or other activities; promote the widespread adoption of methods, techniques and procedures designed to prevent and control dental diseases and disorders; stimulate activity to increase the number of professional and adjunctive dental personnel; enhance the productivity of the dental profession by use of ancillary personnel; participate in the establishment and operation of research projects or demonstrations administered or sponsored from headquarters or a field research center of the Division; recruit dental personnel for State and local dental programs and for Public Health Service programs; provide training and opportunity for experience for Public Health Service employees in a career development program, and provide training and orientation in dental public health for students of professional schools and other educational institutions; provide professional consultative and evaluation services in connection with the administration of Public Health Service grants relating to dental health services and resources; and serve as a resource concerning dental services and dental resources to other constituents of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and to other departments of the Federal Government.

HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL FACILITIES

Professional Staff

Stanley E. Krumbiegel, M.D.
Regional Program Director

Edwin M. Given
Public Health Advisor

Fred Mackey
Construction Engineer

Marvin E. Monk, Jr.
Mechanical Engineer

F. William Shuler
Hospital Architect

Kate B. Bowen
Assistant Hospital Program Representative

The Regional Office section of the Division of Hospital and Medical Facilities provides leadership, guidance, consultative and technical advice to the State planning agencies in Region VI, with reference to their hospital, public health center, long term care facility, diagnostic, diagnostic and treatment center, rehabilitation facility and mental retardation facility survey, program planning and operational activities. It also furnishes guidance to areawide planning groups relative to planning and constructing medical facilities. An additional responsibility is to confer with applicants soliciting hospital research grants. These functions are carried out under the provisions of the Hospital Survey and Construction Act, Public Law 725, as amended, 79th Congress; Public Law 380, 81st Congress; Public Law 482, 83rd Congress; and Public Law 164, 88th Congress. The latter law enlarges the scope of accountability of this section for giving assistance and advice relative to project grants for the construction of University Affiliated Centers for the Mentally Retarded and Comprehensive Community Mental Health Centers; the latter in conjunction with the Mental Health Services Section. The original legislation commonly referred to as the Hill-Burton Program, provides Federal funds as grants to assist communities in the construction of public and non-profit hospitals and other medical facilities. Currently, this section is also involved in assisting the States and Sponsors in the construction of medical facilities under the Public Works Acceleration Act. Finally, the staff reviews and recommends approval or disapproval of construction applications with specific reference to the socio-economic, legal and fiscal aspects thereof. Grants to States are matched on a percentage with 33-1/3–66-2/3 ratio.

NURSING

Professional Staff

Anna M. Matter, R.N., M.P.H.
Regional Nursing Consultant

The Regional Nursing Consultant is a representative of the Division of Nursing. As such she contributes to the formulation of the Division's program and has responsibility for promoting or carrying out its program in the Regional Office; as requested by the Regional Health Director, establishes nursing policy within the Region and is available for consultation on programs of other Divisions; has responsibility for nursing components of other categorical programs which do not have nurse consultants assigned to the Regional Office, and to those which do, provides professional consultation and guidance as requested. All of these activities are directed toward the ultimate advantage of programs in the various States.

Provides consultation and technical services to State and local agencies and facilities, both official and voluntary and to community groups in relation to: the provision of nursing services in categorical and general programs, standards and evaluation of nursing practice, functions and qualifications for nursing positions, effective utilization of nursing skills. Also provides consultation to nursing educational institutions, hospitals, professional organizations and health agencies for the improvement and expansion of educational programs and field practice facilities; and stimulates, encourages, and fosters studies and research in the field of nursing.

Serves as a focal point for the recruitment of nurses for the Public Health Service.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Professional Staff

Frederick K. Erickson, P.E., M.S.S.E.
Associate Regional Health Director for Environmental Health

Serves as the focus in the Region for the general direction and coordination of environmental health services provided to State and local health agencies and other organizations by the Bureau of State Services, and for the technical guidance of those special regional activities for which the Environmental Health Services' Divisions have substantive program responsibility. The Environmental Health Services of the Regional Office encompass program activities relating to Air Pollution, Environmental Engineering and Food Protection, Occupational Health, Radiological Health, and Water Supply and Pollution Control.

In addition to administrative direction of the several program areas, the Associate Regional Health Director for Environmental Health participates directly in the stimulation of research support and training opportunities for professional and technical environmental health personnel. He also spearheads the efforts for recruitment of engineers, sanitarians, and scientists for the environmental health programs of the Service.

AIR POLLUTION

Professional Staff

Earl V. Porter, P.E., M.P.H.
Regional Program Director

The Regional Program Director, Air Pollution, is responsible for the Regional activities in the field of air pollution. The objectives of the Program are to provide or arrange for consultative and technical assistance to State or local health agencies, communities, industries, and other appropriate groups and organizations on air pollution problems and in the development of air pollution control programs; stimulate interest in and initiating programs for the study, prevention and abatement of air pollution; assisting in the selection of and maintaining contact with cooperating agencies in the National Air Sampling Network; arranging for, conducting or participation in air pollution studies and investigations on request and coordinating these activities with other field studies being conducted by the Division of Air Pollution; assisting in providing air pollution orientation to appropriate personnel of public and private organizations on the medical, engineering, and biological and physical aspects of air pollution; providing consultation regarding air pollution control and survey grants to State, interstate, local, or intermunicipal agencies for developing, establishing, or improving programs under Sections 3 and 4 of Public Law 88-206; performing appropriate liaison with Federal, State and local agencies on air pollution matters; and advising on air pollution research and training activities and disseminating air pollution information.

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING AND FOOD PROTECTION

Professional Staff

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Regional Milk and Food Consultant

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Milk and Food Consultant

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Sanitary Engineering Consultant

The Regional Program Director, Environmental Engineering and Food Protection, is responsible for regional programs in environmental engineering, including milk, food, and shellfish sanitation, interstate carrier sanitation, general community sanitation and metropolitan planning for environmental health, by consultation and technical services to interstate, State and local agencies, industry and other organizations through the following branches:

Metropolitan Planning and Development Program
Develops, promotes, and encourages use of comprehensive planning methods and techniques by community, metropolitan and regional agencies to prevent or control the development of environmental health hazards, and to promote improved standards and practices affecting urban development as it relates to health, housing, and related facilities; aids in field investigations to develop, modify or adapt new planning methods and techniques, and to test them for effectiveness and practicality; provides consultation and technical assistance to State and local agencies in the utilization and adaptation of such planning methods, techniques, standards and practices; and arranging for consultation and assistance in solving specialized environmental health problems.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

Professional Staff

Paul F. Woolrich
Regional Program Director

Although headquartered at the Occupational Health Research and Training Facility, Cincinnati, Ohio, and assigned to both Region III and Region VI, Mr. Woolrich will be available as necessary to stimulate and assist in the development of increased occupational health activities through the state health agencies in Region VI. By direct visit and consultation with state occupational health personnel, assistance is available on program development, training courses and securing highly specialized interpretation and laboratory assistance on specific technical problems. Pending physical location of the program director in the regional office, the office of the Associate Regional Health Director for Environmental Health serves as the focal point for requests from a state for assistance on occupational health.

RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH

Professional Staff

John E. Munzer, M.C.E.
Regional Program Director

The Radiological Health activities of the Region are the responsibility of the Regional Program Director for Radiological Health. He provides technical assistance to State and local health agencies in the development and operation of their radiological health activities; maintains technical liaison with Service Officers assigned to States to assist in the development and conduct of State radiological health programs; conducts and participates in projects and demonstrations designed to encourage the application of new standards, methods and/or equipment for the control of health hazards from radiation; assists in the planning and conduct of State and local training programs in radiological health; acquaints State and local health agencies with the Public Health Service's resources for training and research in radiological health; maintains effective working relationships with professional societies, lay groups, State and local agencies, educational institutions, Public Health Service and Departmental activities, and other Federal agencies on problems of mutual concern; and keeps appropriate headquarters and regional personnel informed as to administrative, professional, and technical aspects of State and local activities in radiological health.

WATER SUPPLY AND POLLUTION CONTROL

Professional Staff

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The Regional Water Supply and Pollution Control Program of the Public Health Service is based on Public Law 84-660 as amended. The policy of Congress recognizes, preserves and protects the primary responsibilities and rights of the states in prevention and control of water pollution. Activities have been established under five major areas: (1) Municipal Sewage Treatment Construction Grants (2) Water Resources Development (3) Water Quality (4) Enforcement and (5) Missouri Basin Comprehensive Water Pollution Control Planning Project.

Construction Grants Section

The construction grants activities are carried out under the provisions of Section 6–Public Law 84-660. This section provides that a municipality may receive a financial grant from the Public Health Service provided sewage treatment works to be installed conform with Public Health Service criteria, and with the State water pollution control plan and are given high priority by the State Water Pollution Control Agency. Any municipality requesting a Public Health Service construction grant should contact its State Water Pollution Control Agency for application forms and assistance in preparing its application and supplemental documents.

Water Resources Section

Water Resources activity consists essentially of carrying out Public Health Service responsibilities and working with Federal construction agencies in evaluating needs for and the economics of water resources that may be built into Federal construction projects. These consist essentially of provision of storage for municipal and industrial water supply and for controlled stream flows below reservoir storage projects for water quality control. This activity also serves as a liaison with the Soil Conservation Service and other agencies with responsibilities in water and related land resources developments. This calls for close contact with the Public Health Service, CDC Field Station at Greeley, Colorado.

Water Quality Section

Water quality activity includes basic data work within the Region. It complies inventories of municipal and industrial water supplies and waste disposal facilities. It also includes field work on water pollution surveillance stations within the region.

Enforcement Section

The Enforcement Section does the staff and field work in connection with enforcement actions under the provisions of Section 8–Public Law 84-660. To date seven conferences have been held in Region VI. Three of these, namely Sioux City, St. Joseph, and Kansas City, have gone to hearing stages where the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare has issued Notices for abatement of pollution. One of these, namely St. Joseph, has gone to court action. To date the Federal Court has not made a judgement in the St. Joseph case, but is holding it in abeyance since it appears that St. Joseph is now making satisfactory progress toward pollution abatement under a Federal Court order.

Comprehensive Water Pollution Control Project

The objective of comprehensive water pollution control planning is to provide systematic and logical guidelines for preserving and protecting water quality for all legitimate uses–municipal, industrial, agricultural, fish and wildlife propagation, recreational–to be utilized by industry, municipalities, State and interstate water pollution control agencies, and other Federal water resources agencies. Such planning reports provide guidance and data to other functional provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (PL 660) such as construction grants, enforcement, technical assistance and research. The comprehensive water pollution control plan, in turn, will be assisted in its implementation through the application of the other provisions of PL 660.

Miscellaneous Activities

Miscellaneous activities in the Water Supply and Pollution Control program are carried out under the supervision of the Regional Program Director with the assistance of other sections within the program. Some of these are:

(1) Work on Inter-Agency and Interstate Committees and Commissions. In these instances, the Regional Program Director has been appointed by the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare to represent the Department.

(2) Another activity closely tied in with Inter-Agency relations is in connection with securing the cooperation of other Federal Agencies in the installation of Federal water supply systems and adequate sewage treatment facilities serving Federal installations.

(3) Work on international water pollution problems with United States and Canadian officials under References by the International Joint Commission.